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SUBJECT: NEW HESSIAN GOVERNMENT

1. THE NEW HESSIAN GOVERNMENT APPROVED BY THE LANDTAG IN
WIESBADEN ON OCTOBER 20 BY A PARTY LINE VOTE OF
57 SPD AND FDP VOTES IN FAVOR AND 53 CDU VOTES OPPOSED
CONSISTS OF THE FOLLOWING:

MINISTER PRESIDENT-HOLGER BOERNER (SPD)

MINISTER OF THE INTERIOR - EKKEHARD GRIES (FDP)

MINISTER OF FINANCE - HERIBERT REITZ (SPD)

MINISTER OF JUSTICE AND FEDERAL AFFAIRS - HERBERT
GUENTHER (SPD)

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MINISTER OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE - HANS KROLLMANN (SPD)

MINISTER OF ECONOMICS AND TECHNOLOGY, ALSO DEPUTY
MINISTER PRESIDENT - HEINZ HERBERT KARRY (FDP)
MINISTER FOR LABOR, SOCIAL AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC
HELAD - ARMIN CLAUSS (SPD)
MINISTER FOR AGRICULTURE AND ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION -
WILLI GOERLACH (SPD)

2. THE 40-YEAR OLD GRIES AND 38-YEAR OLD CLAUSS ARE
THE TWO NEW FACES AT THE TOP LEVEL. SEVERAL CHANGES WILL
ASLO BE MADE AT THE STATE SECRETARY LEVEL, NOTABLY
THE APPOINTMENTS OF REINHART BARTHOLOMAEI (SPD) TO
THE STATE CHANCERY, OTTO R. PULCH (FDP) TO INTERIOR
AND OTTO KIRST (FDP) TO ECONOMICS.

3. COMMENT: THE MOST CONTROVERSIAL CHANGE IS THE
DUMPING BY THE FDP OF THE POPULAR AND WIDELY RESPECTED
HANNS-HEINZ BIELEFELD AS MINISTER OF THE INTERIOR AND
HIS REPLACEMENT BY THE INEXPERIENCED GRIES. THIS
CHANGE DICTATED BY THE LOCAL FDP LEADERSHIP BECAUSE
BIELEFELD DID NOT PLACE ENOUGH FDP MEMBERS INTO GOOD
JOBS AND OTHERWISE WAS RELUCTANT TO SUBMIT TO
PARTY DISCIPLINE WILL NOT HELP THE FDP WITH THE
VOTER. THE POLICE AND FIRMEMENS'S ASSOCIATIONS AS WELL
AS OTHER GROUPS WITHIN THE PURVIEW OF THE INTERIOR
MINISTRY HAD BROUGHT STRONG BUT UNAVAILING PRESSURE
TO RETAIN BEILEFELD. FROM THE AMERICAN STANDPOINT
THE CHANGES AT THE TOP AND ESPECIALLY IN THE INTERIOR
MINISTRY WILL CALL FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF NEW RELATION-
SHIPS TO MAKE SURE THAT THE HERETOFORE EXCELLENT
CLIMATE OF COOPERATION IS MAINTAINED IN THE STATE
OF HESSE WITH ITS VERY LARGE-PRIMARILY MILITARY--
AMERICAN POPULATION. OF ROUGHLY 135,000.LEHMANN

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